

00-C-1116

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A COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER  
"ABLE" MABLE THOMAS, CHAIR OF  
COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

A COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTING THE  
APPOINTMENT OF MS. SARA FITTEN BY  
COUNCIL MEMBER SHERRY DORSEY TO  
THE GENTRIFICATION TASK FORCE  
FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. THIS  
APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED TO  
BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL  
CONFIRMATION.

CONFIRMED BY

AUG 07 2000

COUNCIL

- ☐ CONSENT REFER  
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER  
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER  
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER  
☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred

7/17/00

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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
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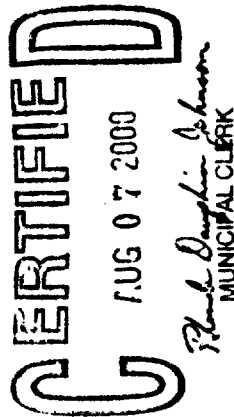
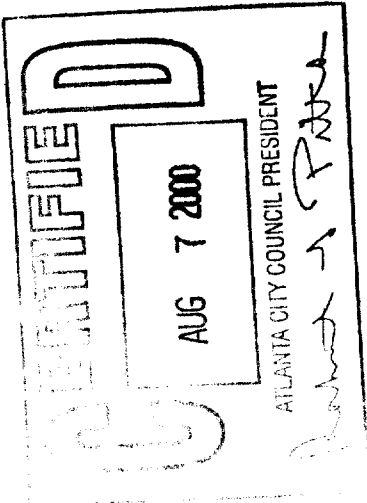
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| Chair<br><u>Sherry Dorsey</u>                          | Chair<br>_____                            |
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| Other:<br>_____  | Other:<br>_____                           |
| Members<br><u>Sherry Dorsey</u><br><u>Mable Thomas</u> | Members<br>_____                          |
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| Members<br><u>Sherry Dorsey</u><br><u>Mable Thomas</u><br><u>Debra M. Starnes</u><br><u>Clarence Starnes</u> | Members<br>_____                          |
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd  
Readings  
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION



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## ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

"ABLE" MABLE THOMAS  
COUNCILMEMBER  
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July 17, 2000

### **MEMORANDUM**

To: President Robb Pitts  
Atlanta City Council

From: "Able" Mable Thomas, Chair  
Committee on Council

Re: **APPOINTMENT TO THE GENTRIFICATION TASK FORCE**

By this memorandum I am transmitting the following appointment to the Gentrification Task Force:

Name

Appointed by Council member

**Sara Fitten**

**Sherry Dorsey**

This appointment is for a 2-year term and is scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.



## ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

**SHERRY DORSEY**  
COUNCILMEMBER,  
DISTRICT 5

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### **Memorandum**

**To:** "Able" Mable Thomas, Chair Committee on Council  
**From:** Councilwoman Sherry Dorsey  
**Date:** 6/28/00  
**Re:** Appointment to the Gentrification Task Force

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By this memorandum I am appointing Ms. Sara Fitten to the Gentrification Task Force for a term of two years. I am confident Ms. Fitten will well represent this group's effort to address gentrification issues in the City of Atlanta.

Enclosed is biographical information on Ms. Fitten along with a contact number of (404) 370-7061 or 7062.

## **SARAH C. FITTEN**

**SARAH C. FITTEN, a native Georgian born in McDuffie County to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hall. Sarah is the oldest of five (5) children.**

**Mrs. Fitten is a 1962 graduate of David T. Howard High School, attended Morris Brown College and has continued her education by attending various workshops/seminars and training both in and outside the State.**

**During the past twenty-eight (28) years, Ms. Fitten has dedicated and shared her life helping others in areas such as Legislative Impact, Community Services, Economic Development and Human Rights/Human Services.**

**Empowerment is probably the major focus of all Community Services. Somewhere along the way, en route to her current label, Mrs. Fitten became an EMPOWERMENT SPECIALIST.**

**Mrs. Fitten presently serves as Assistant Director of Services with Fulton/Atlanta Community Action Authority (FACAA) and has been generally known for being a major part of this focus for the communities in Metro Atlanta and DeKalb County.**

**Although the communities were overflowing with social programs designed to aid residents in some facet of their lives, the zeal and energy that Mrs. Fitten invested in her singular pursuits virtually assured that they were always at the heart of the operation.**

**Hundreds of children who grew up in the Edgewood area followed Mrs. Fitten as their teacher and "Pied Piper", who taught them how to vote and to become job ready. Mrs. Fitten counseled children on family interaction, provided meaningful intervention with school problems, and generally nurtured them as they encountered growth-to-adulthood challenges.**

**It should be noted that many of these "children" now have families of their own, and are leading productive lives. Perhaps, because there was a caring Empowerment Specialist around to intervene at a critical time, and to show a better way.**

Residents of all ages enjoyed the fruits of Mrs. Fitten's creative spark as she toiled with other social services agencies in locating housing, employment and finding food for families in economic transition.

In order to secure adequate resources for Center projects, Mrs. Fitten networked with ministers, school principals, guidance counselors, boys and girls scout leaders in the catchment area. Mrs. Fitten linked her activities to elected representatives of State Government, Atlanta City Council, the DeKalb County Commission and the U.S. Congressional Delegations.

It was from these lofty alliances which enabled us to engineer projects like the placement of a swimming pool, funding for youth recreation programs, and summer employment/activities.

### **LEGISLATIVE IMPACT**

- \* MARTA RAIL SYSTEM
- \* SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS
- \* EXTENDED DAY CARE PROGRAMS (after school)
- \* VOTER EDUCATION & REGISTRATION DRIVES
- \* FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
- \* TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITIES
- \* NEW START DRUG RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION CENTER
- \* COMMUNITY LIBRARIES
- \* GRADY HOSPITAL SATELLITE CLINIC
- \* LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
- \* ALCOHOL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- \* COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- \* CRIM COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL
- \* ORGANIZED FIRST COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (ATLANTA/DEKALB)
- \* COLLABORATED WITH CITY, STATE, COUNTY AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
- \* COLLABORATED WITH LOCAL BUSINESS

**HUMAN RIGHTS/HUMAN SERVICES -**  
**WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- \* ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT (Zone 6)
- \* SERVED ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE ANNUAL "POOR PEOPLE" DAY OBSERVANCE
- \* ONE OF THE ORIGINAL ORGANIZERS FOR THE ANNUAL EDGEWOOD DAY FESTIVAL
- \* ASSISTED WITH ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS
- \* CIVIL LIBERTY UNION
- \* WALK FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN OF GEORGIA
- \* ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN APRIL PROGRAM
- \* ANNUAL SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON (IN OBSERVANCE OF SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH)
- \* HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- EARLY HEAD START POLICY ADVISORY BOARD
- \* MEMBER OF THE ALONSO CRIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
- \* FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
- \* THE ATLANTA LEGAL AID ADVISORY COUNCIL
- \* UNITED WAY ADVISORY BOARD (DEKALB CO. BRANCH)
- \* CHILDREN INITIATIVE COLLABORATIVE BOARD OF DEKALB COUNTY
- THE ATLANTA PROJECT (CRIM CLUSTER) UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES - JIMMY CARTER
- \* THE WILLIAM WHITE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
- \* FOSTER GRANDPARENT ADVISORY BOARD
- \* THE DEKALB COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE
- \* ALL AMERICAN CITY AWARDS PROGRAM
- \* NAACP OF DEKALB COUNTY
- \* MEMBER OF COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION

**CHURCH AFFILIATION**

- \* MEMBER OF THE BUTLER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
- \* SERVE ON THE TRUSTEE BOARD
- \* PRESIDENT OF USHER BOARD #1
- \* MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

**THE BASIC LESSON OF LIFE INCLUDES A LOVE FOR ALL  
HUMANITY**

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8/07/00  
4:11 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

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Appoint Sara Fitten to Gentrification  
Task Force for two years  
Adopt/*CONFIRM*

YEAS: 12  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 3  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

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| Y Winslow | Y Muller  | NV Boazman | NV Pitts    |

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